

News Notes of the District Schools

ventilation, exercises in physical culture indoors, and sports on the playgrounds. Learning to parents with the possibility of being helpful are the most recent effort.

Tech's musical show has been placed under the direction of two well known musicians, George Herbert Wells, the organist and Theodore S. Howard, vocalist. Rehearsals are being held every Monday evening. The opening chorus has been composed and arranged by the popular songs will be on the programme. The musical comedy, which will be, "The Girls from Russia," is being worked up by a committee possessing a veritable arsenal of musical and dramatic talent.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Teachers' Aid and Annuity Association was held at the Franklin School, and the officers re-elected for another term. Mrs. Clara Baker Smith, principal of the Cooke School, and Miss Metella King, principal of the Abbot were appointed to succeed the previous officers.

for directors. It was voted to continue dues as at present, though the financial condition of the association warrants reducing them. The permanent fund of \$106,900 will hereafter be increased by one-fourth the dues of members. There has been paid out to annuitants and beneficiaries in the history of the organization, \$28,522.18. During the past year \$2,584.14 has been expended in aiding twenty living annuitants and paying two death benefits.

Dr. F. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, gave an entertaining address on the "Principles of Education" at the Chevy Chase School Tuesday evening. He maintained that the present school day is too long, and declared that in the good time that is coming there will be less home work done and less studying from books. A child's everyday experiences will be studied and developed and applied as the groundwork of his education.

Dr. Bourdeau-Simo, of the Takoma Park Sanatorium gave a very helpful talk to the mothers of the Taylor School on Thursday afternoon. "Sex Hygiene" was treated in a dainty, modest, forceful way.

—Dr. A. W. Spanhoofd, head of the modern language department in high schools, gave a lecture on German le-

Superintendent W. M. Davidson and Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Susie Ross Rhodes, chairman of the committee on night schools, and Director R. W. Murch, last

The hockey season at Western closed at Christmas, but will reopen early in March. Basketball teams for girls have been selected, and the first outside game of the year will be played with Gallaudet at Kendall Green on February 2.

Boys of Tech are constructing a track on the last block of the school. At a

meeting held last week one hundred names were handed in. Mr. Wilson Offutt was made captain and Edward B. Harry, chosen manager of the team. The athletic committee has secured the services of Bradley Gish, an ex-Olympic foot man and all-around athlete, to coach the team.

A revised circular of information relative to payment of salaries of employes in the schools has just been issued. It contains a more thorough exposition of the old rules, with recent rulings by the comptroller and officials.

The graduating class of Central entertained at a dance at the Washington

Girls of Tech begin basket-ball practice to-morrow in the room recently fitted up for their use. The following team managers have been elected: Margaret Birdsides, Katharine Cleveland, Ida Harry, Dorothy Payne and Josephine Mitchell.

Armstrong Manual Training basketball team played the Hawatha team on Tuesday and defeated them 13 to 15.

Dr. William C. Woodward will deliver the address before the Parent Teachers' Association of the Lovelady School on Thursday. M. T. W. Short will preside.

of the House of Representatives was held at Business High School Thursday morning in the assembly hall. The civics classes study civics at first hand, having a regularly organized Senate and House. Cabinet officers and even a president of the United States. All sorts of parliamentary procedure are practically demonstrated, bills introduced and acted upon and measures adopted and discussed. A bill for universal suffrage in the District

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